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DECORATED BY PERSHING FOR BRAVERY



General Pershing is here seen decorating Private Nick Connors, of the Infantry, Forty-second division, with the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery at Chateau Thierry.

Preparations for Fourteenth Census

In order to avoid waste and delay in the conduct of the next decennial inventory of the country's population, agriculture and industries, to be made in 1920, the bureau is carrying on such preparatory work as can be done prior to the enactment of the pending bill to provide for the fourteenth census.

The air mail may in time become a possible competitor of the freight schedules. The Liberty loan is more than a loan; it is the gift of permanent freedom to the world.

Most every good American mother who didn't raise her boy to be a soldier raised him to be a sailor in these days. What has become of the old-fashioned farmer who used to have gorgeous pipe dreams of "dollar wheat"?

The weather man could make a great hit by arranging all thunder storms for Sunday, when nobody cares any more. If the English drive along much further we shall all be obliged to learn how to pronounce the names of a whole lot of new towns.

A nice line of embroidery and crocheted work at the Walling factory. 12-13-18

Observer advertising will bring results. The government last year coined 445,000,000 cents. We'll say that folks

Pointed Paragraphs

A slacker is he who is content to do naught but read the war news.

A shortage in the cotton crop is anticipated. Must we wear wool?

Judging from the conversation most of us are between eighteen and forty-five.

The nice thing about the crop speculator's strategy is that he doesn't care whether it's drought or too much rain that injures crops or a car shortage.

Ukulele players are to help with the Liberty loan drive, despite the popular opinion that ukulele playing is a non-sensical—beg pardon, nonessential—industry.

Mutton is now cheaper than most meats, but usually there is none when one goes to buy it.

A few Liberty bonds put away for Christmas presents will meet all objections to useless giving.

By giving your auto a rest on Sunday you will also be giving one to your friends in the country.

Every man has a talent of some kind and this is the time when the country can use every man's talent.

The income taxpayer gets no sympathy. The larger the tax the more enviable is the privilege of paying it.

Soldiers in France are crying as one man for plenty of chili pickles. Thus are all boarding school girls triumphantly vindicated.

The only thing regrettable about the return of the oyster season is that somebody is bound to refer to it as the "succulent bivalve."

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who have been taking care of the pennies have their hands full.

By cutting out gasoline on Sunday and avoiding the dusty roads the American proletariat will have no further use for the Saturday bath.

The promise that no more wheat flour will be used to make dynamite is all right, but it says nothing of what may be used to make wheat flour.

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What Will You Give for Christmas?

There is one thing certain—it will be a useful gift, something they need and would have to buy if you didn't give it to them. Nobody wants to be wasteful this year. Here at this store we have only the things everyone needs and wants and will be glad to show you.

Here are a few suggestions

HOSEY HANKERCHIEFS GLOVES NECKWEAR UNDERWEAR

SWEATERS HACKETTS OVERCOATS SHIRTS HATS

BLOUSES FURS PETTICOATS BATH ROBES KIMONAS

WOOL BLANKETS INDIAN Blankets SUIT CASES HANDBAGS TRUNKS

We Extend Credit. We Deliver Merchandise.

M. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Prices Lowest Stock Complete



System That Needs Reforming.

Some day the judicial system of Oregon will be reformed. If judges and lawyers do not do it themselves, it will be done, and done summarily, by those less competent.

The latest of several efforts at change ends in a disagreement by the members of the commission named two years ago to propose reforms. Four of the seven members of the commission join in proposed changes which chip gingerly at the symptoms but do not go to the root of the trouble.

A fifth commissioner in a minority report concurs in the proposals but points out evils in the system that the majority report leaves untouched.

Two other members boldly declare that the proposed relief is but temporary, that the whole system should be reformed, and, in the form of bills, submit a plan to reconstruct the system and bring it up to the state of modern efficiency applied in Great Britain and other countries, and in some American states.

The majority report recommends the utilization of circuit judges when not fully employed in local work by assigning them to congested circuit courts or to the supreme court to aid in clearing up the docket in that court whenever necessary.

"The remedies suggested are inadequate," says a minority report, signed by Judge Charles H. Carey and Ben Selling. This report goes on to say:

"We find that in a very large portion of the cases heard in the courts, there is an absolute failure to secure a final adjudication on the merits and according to right and justice. This is due to the fact that the system is wrong, and judges are compelled to enter judgments and orders that they know will not settle the merits of the controversy, and will leave an unsatisfactory result of the litigation, viewed from the standpoint of the ultimate aims of jurisprudence."

Here is extraordinary statement on high authority. "In a very large portion of the cases heard in the courts there is an absolute failure to secure a final adjudication on the merits and according to right and justice." There is also the strong statement that the system is wrong. There is also the equally strong statement that judges are compelled to enter judgments and orders that they know will not settle the merits of the controversy.

This behalf is widely shared in by the public. Hair splitting technicalities, fine spun theories and antiquated procedure makes the "system" wrong. They make it impossible for judges to settle the merits of the controversy. The "And or or" case by the Oregon supreme court, which was widely condemned in law publications, is a example. Yet all of the several efforts to secure a change have invariably come to little or nothing. Oregon Journal.

Only three weeks left within which to buy the War Savings Stamps for which you made your pledge to the Government.

Union County must purchase \$50,000 more to make her quota.

We have made a splendid war record; don't let us fall down on this.

Use War Savings Stamps for Christmas presents.

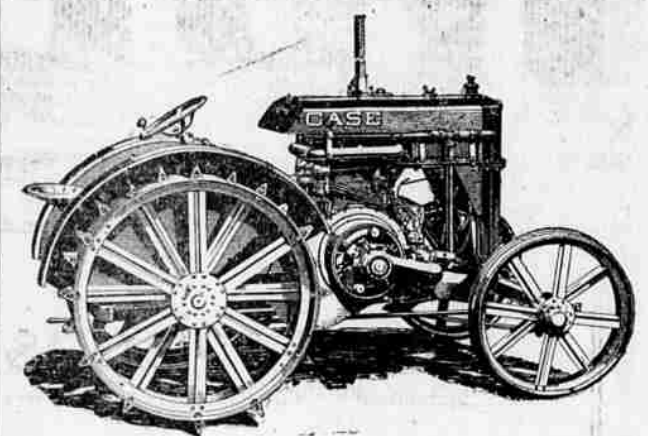
La Grande National Bank Member Federal Reserve System Designated Depository of the United States Government

JUST THINK FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE

how you can save and when in need of LINOLEUM, RUGS OR FURNITURE

We have prices that beat 'em all, and mean dollars in your pocket if you buy your furniture and other goods here.

Harris Furniture Store H. B. HARRIS, Proprietor 406 FIFTH STREET PHONE: Red 5171



CASE 10-18 KEROSENE TRACTOR

This tractor is the smallest size in the CASE tractor family. As a kerosene burner it is unequalled. This machine is very little heavier than a team of horses, weighing only 3400 pounds. Its length is 102 inches, width 56 inches, and height 54 1/2 inches. It is rated at 10 H. P. on the drawbar, and 18 H. P. on the belt, but it will really develop much more than that.

J. A. CHANDLER, DEALER Phone Black 3702.

Edison's New Creation is a Human Instrument

So faithful, so identical with the original, is Edison's re-creation of the human voice that audiences of musicians in every music center of the United States have expressed their astonishment.

Edison simply asks you to hear his re-creation of the human voice.

Come in and hear Edison and Victor records on this wonderful instrument.

Newlin Book & Stationery Co.